

REMARKS

This paper requests reopening of prosecution of this application.

In the Decision on Appeal, decided April 7, 2010 (hereinafter “Decision”), the Board affirmed the decision of the Examiner to reject claims all claims then pending in this Application.

In this response to the Final Office Action claims 17, 27, 39 and 44 have been amended. Claims 45-50 are currently cancelled. No claims are added. No new matter has been added.

As a result, claims 17- 44 and 51-54 are currently pending in this application.

The Rejection of Claims Under § 103

Claims 17,19-32 and 34-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over W.O. 99/00163 to Eilat et al. (hereinafter Eilat).

Claims 44-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eilat in view of U.S. 6,335,744 to Korilis et al. (hereinafter Korilis).

Claims 18 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eilat in view of Creating a live Broadcast from a Virtual Environment, Computer Graphics Proceedings, Annual Conference Series, by Greenhalgh et al. (hereinafter Greenhalgh).

Claims 51-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eilat in view of U.S. 6,758,754 to Lavanchy et al. (hereinafter Lavanchy).

Claim 54 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eilat in view of Korilis, in further view of Lavanchy.

In view of the Decision and the amendments to each independent claim 17, 27, 39 and 44, the above rejections are moot.

Claims 17, 27 and 44 have been amended to place them in server-side format.

In addition, each claim has been amended by adding the limitation that different ones of the video images can be transmitted to the players and to the non-participant viewers. Support for this limitation is found at page 10, lines 14-17 of the specification as filed. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe this limitation is not taught by any of the prior art of record and that the claims are therefore allowable.

CONCLUSION


Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (530) 889-2402 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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